

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 904

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Raymond Mack Garner for his honorable, astute service to the people of Tennessee as President of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens, who through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy attorney is Raymond Mack Garner of Maryville, who since 1990, has served the citizens of Blount County with distinction as District Public Defender; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as President of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, Mr. Garner has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this State; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner is a native of Maryville and earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Maryville College in 1970 and obtained his Doctor of Jurisprudence at the University of Tennessee College of Law in 1973; he served in private practice from 1973-1990; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner played on the U.S. Olympic Chess Team for the Blind in 1976 and 1980;

WHEREAS, in 1990, Raymond Mack Garner was elected as the District Public Defender for Blount County, and he won re-election in 1998 and 2006; and

WHEREAS, recognized as a leader by his peers and colleagues, Mack Garner is currently serving his second term as President of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference, having previously held that office from 1998 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving two terms as President, he has also served the organization as vice president, secretary-treasurer, and as a member of the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mack Garner epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Garner is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sarah Jane; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career Mack Garner has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of members of the bar and bench and his community alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Raymond Mack Garner for his meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee as President of the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference 2009-2010 and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.